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Editorial

Welcome to another year of EYE Magazine, issue 3, number 1, here already. Tempus Fugit and the last twelve months have been no exception, 2003 brought some significant changes to UK ufology reflected upon herein.

The sad loss of Graham Birdsall, September 19, 2003, editor and co-founder of the UK's only, serious, newsstand, UFO Magazine (some would say), just days before the planned annual conference in Leeds last September and the passing of Gordon Creighton are remembered in this issue pages 8 and 36 respectively. UFO Magazines office doors are now firmly closed, passing of the magazine has passed into history. Perhaps more on this in a future article.

Russel Callaghan has now teamed up with Gary Heseltine of PRUFOS to produce an Internet-based publication more on page 34.

Changes at EYE Magazine?

It is with sadness that eye says hasta luego to Gary Anthony. Gary was responsible for the editorial of EYE, encouraging contributing authors and proof reading each issue. His [gary] contribution will be greatly missed, however gary has by necessity had to make cut-backs to the time he spends on the topic of ufo's—for family commitments and because of a recent bereavement. Gary has become a good friend and though his input may diminish, we may still have opportunity to continue investigating regional sightings and perhaps he may reconsider rejoining EYE at a less hectic future time?

Included in this issue are missing articles intended for publication in the unpublished magazines from 2003. The Birdsall Files, Memory Discrimination In Client-Centered Investigation, Bufora's 40th Anniversary Convention, Chris Martin's Is Anybody Out There, A Video Review By Steve Gerrard of SUFOG and last but not least, Gordon Creighton R.I.P.. We hope you enjoy these and other items included.

Without the contributing authors donating their work, EYE Magazine would not continue, if you have articles or comments concerning any and all aspects of the phenomena please do let us have them. You can reach us at:

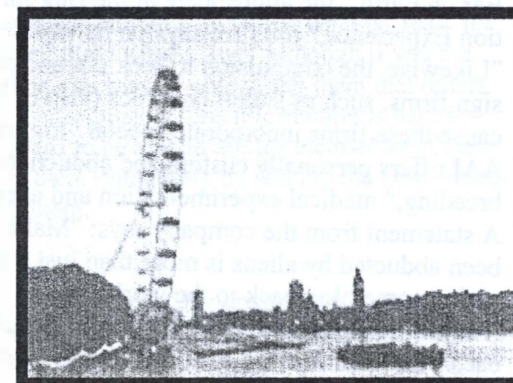
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Thanks for your much valued support.

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JENNY RANGLES "I admire and respect Budd Hopkins and John Mack for different reasons, but I don't agree with much of what they say about the phenomenon and my feelings on the abuse of regression hypnosis is well known. **This is my greatest fear about how American UFOlogy tackles the issue. One day a UFOlogists there will get sued by a witness for being implanted via hypnosis with false memories of a traumatic alien abduction. It matters not if this charge is justified (as it may not be) or if the case is won (as I doubt it could be) - but the mere fact it will happen should send shock waves through UFOlogy.**"
Source: http://www.ic0440500.ic24.net/whatsaid_12.html

Alien abduction hypnotisers deny planting subliminal ads!

A US firm that promises to hypnotise people to make them think they have been abducted by aliens has been accused of planting subliminal adverts in their customer's minds at the same time.

Alien Abductions Inc promises to provide "personalised, realistic memories of the alien abduction that you have been waiting for your entire life".

But its team of "doctors, hypnotists and memory implant technicians" have been accused of implanting paid-for adverts for companies.

Abductees are then said to be magnetically drawn to use the advertised products thanks to the subliminal messages implanted in their brains.

Adverts implanted are said to include two for firms who sponsor AAI's website.

The company is denying "advertising implantation" for profit but admits it has implanted certain ads that "increase the effectiveness" of the experience.

"We have implanted customers with the desire to visit the Bug Jar (in Rochester, NY) not because of any monetary arrangement, but because as "Your Bar on Earth," the atmosphere at the Bug Jar works to enhance the Abduction Experience," the firm says on its website.

"Likewise, the compulsion to seek out and promote the work of certain design firms, such as Bullet Graphics (also of Rochester), is implanted because these firms incorporate special "trigger images" into their work."

AAI offers personally customized abductions, including "interspecies breeding," medical experimentation and alien sex fantasies.

A statement from the company says: "Making people believe that they've been abducted by aliens is more than just a business to us ... it's our way of giving something back to the world."

It says: "Thousands of individuals are abducted by extraterrestrial beings each year" and goes on to add: "So why wait?"

Source : http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm_102803.html

TECHNIQUES FOR CE-IVs Memory Discrimination in Client-Centered Investigation

By Karin Hoppe Holloway, BA, CHt, CEA

www.health-concern.com

(Please note some American spellings left un-edited -Ed)

There are therapeutic techniques for the modern, non-therapist, investigator that will help you both collect reliable data and help the Close Encounter Experimenter regain his emotional and cognitive balance. You need not know how to hypnotize anyone, nor how to counsel therapeutically; you only need some very simple 'tools' you can share with the CEEer. Tools such as a Comparison of CE-IV, ASP, OBE and Negative Entities, a Time Line, Pie Charts, a complete bibliotherapy, advice for journaling, and exercises for discerning memory from fantasy are invaluable aids for both of you.

As in any other investigation, you must remain open minded and non-committed about the data you collect. You must record all of it, even if you doubt its reality or truth. The Truth of a report is not your call to make; your business is to make sure you get it all and that you get it ethically. Dan Wright's booklet, "Interviewing the UFO Witness", is unparalleled for advice on how to do the investigative intake, or interview. It tells you how to avoid making value judgments, how to ask non-leading questions, and how to remain objective. Dan writes, "We are neither cynics nor apologists concerning the reality of alien visitations. The desire on the part of each of us to improve our interviewing methods underscores the search for truth."

The most important area a CEEer needs help in is in telling what is "real" for themselves. You cannot possibly tell them what's 'real' although if you are very well versed in CE phenomenon you may be able to tell them that others have Experienced similar events. Unfortunately, this information is hard to come by. Optimally, the CEEer needs to be able to tell for themselves if their memories are 'real'. You can help them immensely by sharing the Discrimination of Dual Images exercise with them.

The Discrimination Of Dual Images

"Chose a fantasy image, such as a scene from a day dream, and a real memory image from your own past that you're sure is your own. Neither of them should be traumatic nor about Close Encounters; 'normal' life, happy images

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are best.

One at a time, look at each image very closely and see what happens as you (inwardly) stare at it. Do this to the whole, entire image and then focus on just individual aspects or parts of each image.

Usually, if what is stared at changes as though it doesn't have a set character to begin with it's fantasy. If the thing stared at stays the same during the staring, it's memory. The memory image will remind you of many other associations, prodding you to recall other images, but it will not easily melt or transform under your gaze. A well-rehearsed fantasy, such as a visualization made from pieces of memory, i.e. a beach scene or a meadow scene used often for relaxing or comforting, will easily alter when you choose to alter an element. A real memory will not easily alter; try it! Below are a number of other discernable attributes of real memory and of fantasy. Notice each while inspecting your dual images. Go through this discrimination of dual images exercise again and again until you're sure of the differences between your memory and your fantasy images.

Some Attributes Of Memory

NO DECISIONS

The sequencing of memory is effortless, whilst the sequencing of imagination requires making choices and using will.

EMOTIONAL DEPTH

The emotional content of memory has depth whilst the memory stirred by imagination has little or no emotional content.

LOCATION OF SENSATIONS AND EMOTIONS

Personal emotions are felt in the body, usually in our stomach or heart. They are swiftly felt, sometimes acutely, and are familiar. Emotions that we feel for others will feel differently; they are thought about before being felt, and their impact won't be as powerful. If you are an empathic person, if you are very psychic or intuitive, especially if you too easily lose your emotional boundaries, you may find this a difficult discernment to make. You'll have to notice what the differences are between feeling something in your own body and feeling someone else's feelings first.

CAN'T CHANGE DETAILS

In the recall of a memory the details can't easily be altered; they'll become more detailed or they'll bring in associated memories the

longer they're concentrated on. In imagination details are easily changed and the more changes that happen, the more you realize that this is made up.

SPONTANEOUS SENSE IMPRESSIONS

Memory is often a whole recording, i.e., it has associated sensory parts such as sounds and smells which come with it. There may be spontaneous physical experiences involved in memory. For instance, when remembering a first love you may automatically also remember the smell of their leather jacket or the sound of the music you listened to with them. In imagination the sensory details aren't spontaneous although they'll be produced if suggested.

TIMING

Memory's REAL TIME review is unlike imagination's faster pace.

A simple memory exercise is to recall a childhood pet. Put that memory aside, and imagine another animal in that scene. Switch between the memory and the fantasy. Stare at both animals. Touch, smell and listen to them. See which one brings up other sensory memories. Notice how you know one image is the 'real' memory and the other is fantasy.

[Past Life therapist Bettye Binder has created wonderful exercises for differentiating fantasy from memory. Her Past Life Regression Guidebook is very helpful guidance for self-exploration.]

You've begun the exploration of your own past. You are now prepared to tell for yourself if something you recall is "real". It's best that you, the investigator, try this exercise for yourself first. It's best to be alone in a quiet spot but it's not necessary. Keep in mind that everyone will have a different set of sensory abilities: most are visually minded, some are more kinesthetic, and a few will have trouble being able to "see" anything and will rely on an interior 'knowing'. All sensory sets are fine and will retrieve valuable, "real" information when the interviewee is able to tell, for themselves, whether they are recalling fantasies or memories. Former head of MUFON investigations, Project Manager of the Alien Abduction Transcription Project, and researcher. An exception is when trauma blocks memory in self-defense.

"The exception is a depressed person who, when imagining something humorous, may feel the reality of the humor having more depth than their own feelings." Bettye Binder, Past Life Regression Guidebook, Pg. 20

You can find it at her website, <http://home.earthlink.net/>

THE BIRDSALL FILES

Scheduled to be included in the August 03 Issue, after the untimely death of Graham Birdsall. We re-produce this article now to give an insight into Graham Birdsall the man...

**An Exclusive Interview With The Editor Of UFO Magazine Graham Birdsall
By Chris Evers**

On Wednesday, March 18th 1998, Jason Lewis, my wife Jan and myself, travelled to Otley in West Yorkshire, to the office's of UFO Magazine where we conducted the following interview with Graham Birdsall. Graham had agreed to be our keynote speaker at an upcoming mini conference, here in Hull. The original interview was published in Faster Than Light magazine (Hull UFO Societies publication... no longer produced) during 1998.

We hoped that under recent circumstances you would find the re-publication this interview of interest.

Chris Evers (CE): What is Quest International and how did you become involved with them?

Graham (GWB): Quest International was formed out of what was the old YUFOS (Yorkshire UFO Society), backgrounds on organisation is always important if your looking for some insight into how we first got started. Essentially, my early involvement in this subject began with a personal sighting



over my parents house, in Leeds in 1967. I sometime later wrote to contact international UK, who were then based in Oxford, still are, having read their address in the back of a book. I then set out to become a local investigator. That then led me to becoming a co-coordinator for contact in this part of the world, to essentially interest people who I was coming into contact with. Two things happened, one, we began to stage meetings, which a lot of groups do of course, secondly we began to produce a newsletter. The first batch to go out only numbered about two dozen. But then, because we were growing at such a fantastic rate, in terms of members I was personally recruiting for Contact UK and because of the vast distance between Yorkshire and Oxfordshire, a lot of the members expressed the desire to form our own group, or our own organisation but still keep the ties, like we do. We have a lot of good friends, I spoke at Contact's AGM meeting in Oxford, only last year and there a great bunch. The Director of Research at that time was Derrick Mansell, he was a for-

mer pilot in the New Zealand Air force, he was my mentor. I would be on the phone to him nearly every day, with reports or seeking advice. To be fair and with hindsight now, I must have drove him crazy because if I was to get someone phoning as much as I did, I'd be well of the edge. But, Derrick was always extremely helpful in offering advice, but now he is no longer with Contact I think he moved to the Cornwall area, we seem to have lost touch. It would be nice to get back in touch with him again though!

As for the Yorkshire UFO Society, it increased in itself, to attract people from outside the county and so it seemed very obvious that the best way to approach this would be to come up with another name. It seemed a bit daft having the Yorkshire UFO Society's investigators knocking on the doors of Southampton's residents saying 'hi I'm from the Yorkshire UFO Society, I'm interested in this piece that was in the paper the other night, blah, blah, blah'. So Quest International basically gave us that scope to interest and recruit people from all over the country. Not long after this we were receiving letters from all over the world asking us "what we were about?" And "what we were doing?". When the company was formed back in 1989, again to accommodate growing interest of people wanting video tapes, magazines subscriptions and stuff, "oh you don't take credit cards", so it just seemed the correct way to go about things to form a limited company. Once we became a national newsstand magazine, in the summer of 1994, July - August, a number of decisions were taken, one of

which was to locate the offices in Otley, as opposed to Leeds where I live, the reason for this was so we all had an equal distance to travel to work in the morning, also, because we were totally focused on magazine production and that side of things Tony Dodd was more than happy to take on the title role of Director of Quest International. But of course as you are probably quite aware, Tony has decided to retire from that side of things now, simply because the pressures of having to cope with what can often be a tide of reports, phone calls at all hours of the day and night, whilst at the same time having to cope with his wife's illness just became too much. That's unfortunate to say the least, he's done a fantastic amount for this subject has almost single-handed taken on cases that teams of investigators would have struggled to cope with. But having said that the organisation of Quest International lives on. I don't know when Tony is going to re-emerge or anything else, so currently we are handling a lot of the reports and case files here. But that's not a problem as I've said we've served our apprenticeships as UFO investigators anyway.

CE: In future then, would you like all sighting report forms to come directly here?

GWB: Well, at the moment, Tony is directing all calls and reports down here so by all means, send them in, as it's a two way thing! Those that we think would interest Tony, or who specifically ask for Tony we have passed them on.

As does information on other local UFO

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society's, sightings, telephone numbers etc...

I had a woman on the telephone the other day, she was really frustrated because she had seen these objects and there was nobody down in that particular neck of the woods that she could report them too. So she bought a copy of our magazine, rung the number that appears in the inside pages and I gave her the number of the Cornwall UFO Group. That's what it's all about... I'm happy to do that because quite frankly it would have to be an exceptionally good case that could drag us away for any length of time from these offices because it is so busy up here with two titles to run, (UFO Magazine & The Unopened Files (CE)). Exceptionally good cases, although they are few and far between when they do surface we do go out. I've got to see a guy tonight, whose a security guard and he's got a ten minute security camera video tape from the 2nd February incident, he is quite willing to let us have this provided that we make a donation to the Save The Children Fund, which we are only too happy to do, so as you see there is no rest. Once these offices are locked up at night, it doesn't end there because inevitably you then start getting calls from over seas especially America.

CE: So is UFO Magazine itself then...

GWB: Its not an organisation, it cannot seem organisation, it has to be totally neutral in that respect that's how we've played it because we will entertain reports from any organisation. Irrespective

of who's at the helm, what ever! We have never become involved with disputes which are rife in the UFO community. I would say for the best part of fifteen years, it's as long ago as that. We've had mud and muck thrown our way, but we've got a broad enough chin to take this stuff to heart, so we just get on. Crack the whip and do what all UFOlogists should do, focus on the really important issues. You are always going to get conflicts and petty differences, but like I say, these people who do raise arguments and do cause upset are in the minority and should be ignored. There are a vast majority of people out there who do not wish to know about the internal politics, what their wanting is **HARD EVIDENCE!** That's what we set our stall out to provide.

CE: I think that you are doing quite successfully as well. To be quite honest UFO Magazine seems to concentrate on the worldwide UFO situation, while its sister publication The Unopened Files, tends to concentrate on conspiracies and the alleged Government involvement, or it appears to do so at the moment. Anyway, how involved do you think the government is in the cover-up of UFO information?

GWB: Well, UFO Magazine is about UFO's first and foremost. I hate UFO's being classed as a paranormal subject. I think it should be seen singularly as an independent subject in its own right. Its funny that you should mention conspiracies because everything that appears in the Unopened files, in terms of the hard news stories is concentrates on fact.

Well researched and well documented of course you will get some people saying "well you keep going on about the Lockerbie incident, flight 103". All we are doing there is reporting what credible people are saying and what they are saying are incredible things, but they are factually based comments. The newspapers quoted sources and all that kind of stuff is the kind of angle we use there. The Unopened Files, essentially stems from the fact for years, we've been having stuff passed across our desk that we knew would be of interest to a lot of people. But not necessarily for UFO enthusiasts because from the same sources you get Freedom of Information documents about UFO's, you'll get information documents about secret Nuclear tests, all kind of weird and bizarre chemical experiments, all that kind of stuff. Of course there are lots of material that we use for reference like newspaper cuttings, correspondence and telephone calls and that's why we know the Unopened files can definitely channel and bring awareness to a lot of people about those topics that UFO Magazine couldn't do. In the next issue of The Unopened Files, (Now published by Mark Birdsall and known as **EYE-SPY** Magazine in 2003-Ed) There's a big piece about the Chinook disaster, 2nd June 1994, I spent a long time researching material for that, it goes back years, were I've pulled it all together into a fairly comprehensive article. That in itself, UFO Magazine wouldn't be an ideal medium for that, the unopened files certainly would.

CE: Is this the event where the helicop-

ter crashed in the Scottish Highlands?

GWB: Yes, Mull of Kintyre. I think when people read that there will be a lot of raised eyebrows. Not just ordinary people, but people in high office because it does raise some fascinating points that have not really been addressed. For instance, the omission in the official accident inquiry report, cost us just under £40.00 to get that from North Strathclyde's Sheriff office. It's a hundred and twenty four pages long, its an eighteen days long enquiry, people from The Special Branch, The S.A.S., The Anti-terrorist operation because twenty five senior anti-terrorist officials were in there including the Assistant Chief Constable of Northern Ireland. The testimony from their peers, Peach, Jay, Bee, its all in there, how they all died, all there real names and yet there is a massive omission of something that came out during that enquiry, reported in the Scotsman newspaper. Journalists where there when a Flight Lieutenant, I can't think of his name now, but it is in the article, gave evidence under oath, that Prestwick radar had observed an unknown object close to the Chinook at the same time as the disaster, but they put it down to a temperature inversion or a flock of birds. Now you'd think that with the biggest self inflicted disaster since WWII, which is how it was described in the Times, would be certain in its official accident enquiry report, 124 pages, to make note of the facts, within that report, that there was an unidentified object close to the Chinook, when it came down and killed all those people,

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25 intelligence officers and 4 crew members.

CE: This is why I referred to it as a conspiracy. It sounds like some people have covered it up!

GWB: Yes, some people can interpret that as a conspiracy. But, tats just one aspect of many issues that we raise. The families of the two dead pilots are, I'm convinced, oblivious to that information which we raised. RAF McHanage doesn't figure in any of the accident report pages. There was no mention of that disaster in BBC's News Review Of The Year for 1994, there were disasters on trains, people killed down in Kent, mergers, invasions, occupation in Somalia. All the BIG news events of 1994 are there but not a word, not an image, nothing on the Chinook of the same year, which I find astonishing! The Yanks pulled out very quickly afterwards and the differences that we found, are there for all to see in the article, based on stuff that we have already had on McHanage. So you see it's intriguing.

CE: So what you are saying is that the UK Government is involved in conspiracies?

GWB: Well, ALL Governments lie, that's a proven fact! The history books tell us. Its how they lie, that's the difficult part in assessing. As some people are found out, eventually the chickens will come out to roost. But on this subject specifically any one who says that there is NO UFO COVER-UPS, and Nick Pope is one of them, that doesn't

wash with me. I think that there is enough documents that has been released even in recent weeks that demonstrate that whilst Nick is quite, I'm perfectly sure, -, honest in his assessment of saying "All UFO reports passed my desk", we now know that there are a lot of other departments, DI55 and one down at Rudloe Manor, to name but a few, who were involved in UFO research. Just before the Solihull conference in February, Nick Redfern got hold of newly released documents from Kew. These show that DI55 originated in May 1967, its all there, UFO reports, interviews with witnesses etc... The MoD have been saying for years "we've never went out and interviewed witnesses", so who's kidding who? That's not saying that Nick Pope is being dishonest in his assessment that there's no cover-up. Based on the information and experience that he has had, working at the UFO desk for three years, he's probably not been able to form any other judgement. But I think that since he has come out of there the documentation, these departments, the quizzing of witnesses... I suspect he is going to have to re-evaluate his views. At the end of the day, I still have no clear explanation, why the MoD defence intelligence staff were receiving in 1994, information about UFO conferences in China. I throw that document up during my lectures specifically to make the point. Please don't tell me there is no such thing as a UFO cover-up and please don't tell me that the UK Government is only interested in UK airspace because this document blows both these two issues completely out of the sky. Its there

he was among 1300 men who were abducted. I have done an extensive interview with this guy, I've seen his material, two huge folders with documentation. This is part of what is termed a JAWS test, he believes and the evidence seems to support this, a Joint Attack Weapons System-JAWS, was used on these 1300 unsuspecting men. The entire base was cordoned off, the newspaper clippings from that time, which I've also seen puts the temporary closure of the base down to a measles outbreak. Yet the documentation from the surgeon generals office, and correspondence from the Walter Reed Medical Centre, in Washington D.C. which states that there was no measles epidemic and no one was sent down there. If there had been an epidemic on the base there would be a record of the incident. Helmut Lamers research has definitely gone some way towards focusing peoples attention on this side of things. Its interesting that the new series of the X-Files, touches up on this very issue, that it's all make believe and I put that in my interview with Greg Cannon. What they are basically saying is that all tales of abduction is either make believe or you've got loads of military men going out wearing aliens masks, its all pretend to try and put us off the scent in our search for the truth. In which case the Jason Williams episode would take some explaining.

CE: He did live close to an MoD base at one point!

GWB: You would think that even with circumstances like that, it would be pretty hard to concoct something that

would continue year on in and year on out. With the best will in the world, military personnel, even American military personal usually have a two year, four year maximum posting overseas. I think they would be bored to death going out in fancy dress every night, leave it a few weeks and come back and carry on with things like that. Then they found out that someone, somewhere, would see coming and goings, so whilst it could be true in some situations, I don't think it could be true in all. The fact of the matter is, probably only the USA would have the resources to do something like that, but, how would they have the resources to do it overseas? So, the Government is just like the UK's, but what about China, Iraq, Iran and Cuba, where they have had a lot of experiences down there as well. I don't buy it! I have come across natives, a man and wife living in Ecuador, living up the river in the Jungle and their house consists of four poles and a sack cloth roof. That's it. No electricity, no means of communication, both illiterate. Yet, when interviewed, a classic case of abduction was described. How do you explain that? John Vasquez travelled from California to attend his first ever conference to talk about this case because he'd been researching into it since the memory recall started in 1989. From 1991, right up to February of this year, he'd been researching, ploughing his own money and resources into trying to find out what happened to him and his colleagues. So he has not been contaminated by the mainstream UFO research or otherwise, the guy is clean cut and is not after fame or fortune. His interview

HARD EVIDENCE!!

CE: Do you think to some extent the UK Government or the military may be involved with abduction?

GWB: Well, Helmut Lammers, who is a scientist based in Austria, has done a tremendous amount of work in this field. I'm convinced that some so called abduction scenarios have been played out, and some have deliberately been played out by troops, military or intelligence, involved in a kind of psychology. The new book by Greg Cannon, touches up on this at great length. So clearly psychological warfare techniques involve a great many subjects and one of those, I'm convinced, have from time to time involved UFO's. In the next issue of the magazine, May/June, we have an exclusive piece on a guy called John Vasquez, who was an infantry man in Georgia. On the 2nd September, 1977,

witness because putting information into text form for a magazine is one thing, some people will look at that and see it as just another article, others will see it is different, pretty neat!! But when you see this guy come out with the same words and you see his expressions, you can see he is re-living the entire experience. So the videoing of witnesses and having that on tape is an important element, praised be the video camera, not just for UFO footage. This is an important aspect about the camcorder and interviewing people that is often forgotten. Whilst getting UFO images is important, its always great to be able to show at lectures and conferences, some of the most striking images can actually be of

witnesses talking about their own experiences. I remember one of the most powerful video tapes I ever saw was of the interview with the kids in Zimbabwe, after a craft had come down, little alien guys were hopping up and down the craft. These kids weren't lying, hundreds of school kids had seen this and dozens were on film, they showed the drawings the kids had made, the teachers had taken the kids separately into rooms and asked them to draw what they had seen. The kids drew little alien guys with pear shaped eyes and some of the kids were only five years old. Now you see the tape, and hear them describe what they have seen and the excitement, the kids are not lying they've seen something quite extraordinary. When you see their descriptions in a magazine, in book form, it seems to lose its impact, so the camcorder helps tremendously.

CE: I can vouch for that myself, as you are aware, the case we had in Hull recently (7th October 1997), it took one of the witnesses three months to come forward after his experience, I believe I explained to you his reactions when I spoke to you on the telephone how he shook and reacted to describing his event.

GWB: Powerful images, that's why we ventured into Hard Evidence, we've done volume 1, I don't know if you've seen that yet, Hard Evidence is our way of getting across these images, not just UFO clips but witnesses, I don't know about you but we've had this feeling for sometime now, that the subject in gen-

eral is getting a raw deal from the national TV and media. Sceptics are pouring out of the woodwork, the same faces, all that kind of stuff, now the witnesses are losing out here. If it wasn't for the witnesses none of this would be possible. Their putting their views across. We're basically putting the witnesses, if they wish to speak to us in front of camera, and letting them tell us their story. Now, we're not going to snap at them or call them idiots or cranks and that is what Hard Evidence is all about. We try to make it entertaining, but interesting at the same time.

CE: On February 2nd, this year, you had reports of a FT over the north of England. Can you outline this case and let us know the latest details?

GWB: Sure, the 2nd February is when this thing came over Leeds. I wasn't here at the time because would you believe on the 2nd February I was departing for the States. Great! You know, one of the biggest incidents seen in this part of the world for many a year and I'm not here! The result of the inquiries and information that has come forward was that this thing was originally seen south of Manchester, we've got the news clippings and witness sighting report forms from the people of that area. It then tracked itself across the Pennines, dozens of witnesses in the Bradford area, all relevant details were handed to us by the Bradford Group, plus articles that have appeared in the Yorkshire Evening Post. We are talking about two lights, some of the witnesses described them as "Belonging to a Triangle", quite a few

witnesses said "there was a definite Triangle shape to it". But not three lights, no red light in the centre, two lights. This thing came across reasonably slowly, we believe, many of the witnesses couldn't estimate its size, essentially because there was no structure behind it. Some believed there was a structure, some called it almost opaque, see-through. Because of the distance involved, we believe with a lot of the witnesses, that could explain many of the reports suggesting that this thing "hovered for four or five minutes". A lot of them are also saying that "it didn't hover it just moved slowly across". So this could be explained depending on the angle of elevation where they first saw the object, who knows? Certainly the quality of the observers are excellent. We have three witnesses alone with RAF backgrounds. A Hawker-Hunter jet pilot, another with RAF Bomber Command these are people that have contacted the Yorkshire Evening Post and thanks to them we got their details. This number of people with those kind of backgrounds coming forward, ringing up the local newspaper, the local radio station to say "My God!, I've just seen this thing come over our city and I have no idea what it is!!". We've had the replies from the usual sources, RAF Leeming, Manchester Air Traffic Control, West Yorkshire Police, a lot of bases, but still we've had no reply from the MoD, which is intriguing. But tomorrow, at the invitation of Leeds-Bradford Airport were going for a visit because they came back to us following a letter that was sent to them, now there's nothing on Radar, all the Radar

tapes for that day incidentally have been destroyed, which we need to quiz them more about, officially we have been told that no tapes can be destroyed for 30 days, so, that we find a little bit strange. Possibly even more stranger is they haven't got a clue what this thing was! They have said that they have nothing on Radar, the nearest aircraft was way out to the west. However we do have a witness who says that there was an aircraft in the area, but not part of these lights.

The intriguing thing of all in respect of this sighting was that this was huge, we do have a video tape of this taken on camcorder by one of the witnesses, a guy called John Field. He was out in the back garden and he had the foresight to pan back and get the foreground of the corner of his house in and we have another witness, who I'm going to see tonight. He is a security guard, at a factory in the village of Kippax, who's got ten minutes of this thing with different shots and elevations with the city in the background. Hopefully, have that as part of the bundle to take to Leeds-Bradford Airport, tomorrow. It is interesting that they should respond in that fashion because it is not unprecedented, it as happened before. Peter Hough and Jenny Randles, did something similar in Manchester's control tower, when there was a lot of activity in the Ripponden area. The Lancashire corridor or triangle as some people called it, a long time nearly 20 years ago now, so we'll see what becomes of that. Ultimately this thing came over the City now we've scores of witnesses who all reported how the two lights travelled in unison, there was some kind of strobes flashing on each of them and yet the two lights separated and went their different ways. One continued its journey to the east, the other went to the north, so clearly not attached to the same object. What the hell were they? I've no idea and we are not suggesting in any way shape or form a visitor from afar, but I think that there is a definite military interest here.

To be fair, unless the folks at Leeds-Bradford and Manchester airport have been told that this thing is military, then their curiosity, reflected by the invitation we received to have a tour of the Airport, is indicative of the fact that they're just as curious as we are to know what is going on. We have seen this kind of thing go on so often before, were you've had reports of UFO's over major populated areas, we have every right to ask people in authority to answer our questions, what was something that big doing coming over our cities and how come no one knows what it is?? It almost mirrors the Phoenix lights, although it wasn't as dramatic, the scenarios were more or less the same, that thing came across Arizona, it hovered over the city, it was video taped and then away. The explanation that it was flares is TOTAL BULL! I've done a lot of work and got information off some of the researchers out there, Peter Davenport from MUFON in Seattle, he's done a fantastic amount of work in that respect. Peter's report was sensational, his entire lecture in Brazil was devoted to the Phoenix lights episode and yes helicopters did go up and drop flares but after the event. It was as though they was trying to cover what ever this thing was... also

last February, the Republican representative, I forget her name now... Sheila... asked the question officially "Could any one please tell us what this thing flying over our city was?", not long after this she received abusive phone calls, messages scrolled on her desk, abusive letters (and at work), she was hounded until the Media got hold of the story, then suddenly there was a lot of support for this lady. She's now sweeping the board to be a main stream politician in Arizona, good luck to her. There's nothing wrong in speaking the truth and asking a question that should be of real concern. When something as big as that comes over Phoenix. Who is it? Who does it belong too? where did it come from? why is it here? Not only did nobody know, but nobody wanted to ask the question, other than her. Its not as if anybody had pressured the other politicians, its UFO's, its all Heavens Gate stuff, that's the mentality of some of the politicians out there. Like Tim said across here: "why should some politician risk his or her career by making noises about the UFO subject and making fools of themselves when they could quite easily do it on other subjects any way!". A few will, one or two will, but there will always be what I call ulterior motives behind that as good as these politicians are you get the feeling that party politics does come into it. If you can embarrass a politician by suggesting a FT flew over his house or that you don't believe in the ET Hypothesis and are convinced that there is some kind of military cover-up going on, then lets get our teeth into that. If we are going down that path then fine I have no problem with that at all as long as the truth comes out.

CE: What about the future for Quest International, UFO Magazine, The Unopened Files ? Where do you see that going?

GWB: Well, Quest International, obviously with Tony dropping out of the limelight now because with the problems at that end, who's to say? We certainly can't take up the mantle as Quest International because as I've said we have to be independent from organisations, but we still will be happy to continue with our own research and to pass on reports , queries and all that kind of stuff to groups, whether they are organisations or individuals up and down the land. As far as UFO Magazine is concerned that will continue to give us late nights, burning the mid-night oil, hopefully for a long time to come. The Unopened Files I think will go from strength to strength, both titles will go from strength to strength. The UFO subject over the years has had waves of interest, it probably peaked last year there will be a downward spiral, then something will happen and the interest will return. It's a bit like a roller-coaster ride, but peoples interest in UFO's has lasted well over half a century now, I don't think it is going to die over night and certainly if you take onboard the amount of information that is coming out, the witness reports are showing no sign of fading out, video footage continues to come in, I've got two clips I have not even looked at yet that came in during the last 48 hours, so I am going to have to take them home to have a look at them. So I am really optimistic that what UFO Maga-

zine will be able to demonstrate, your quite right we do touch on a lot of overseas cases as well as here in the UK, but that's deliberate because there is more happening in certain areas, which I look upon, as positive things happening overseas then here right now.

That's why the report on the Brazil 1st UFO Forum was important, to get that information out, to go there and I worked really hard, from morning until night. My bus left the hotel at 7.30 AM and didn't return until 9.30 PM, so I was working a 14 hour day. I used that time to good effect but it was only the tip of the iceberg to what was reported in the magazine. Had I not been there to report on that, without mentioning other magazine titles by name, I read articles by people who were reportedly there and weren't. there was no Linda Howe there, there was no Bob Dean there, there was no John Matt either, the list went on and on and on... I've made a slight reference to this in the magazine, that we was there. If your having breakfast across the table from an astronaut who's been on the MIR spacecraft and grab his interpreter, you'll even use breakfast to good effect. That is when the real meaty stuff comes out. So you really do use all the time that is given to get all these stories and essentially it was ten days hard slog, in hot stifling weather, it was 105 degrees two days before I set off back home on the Monday and when I got back to Heathrow Airport it was 0 degrees.

CE: What is your actual job title?

GWB: UFO Editor, Researcher, Unopened Files journalist, Video Producer, Writer, Broadcaster, Multi talented, that's the way it's gone, that's the natural progression. I didn't know anything about video production until we did Hard Evidence, that was hard work as well. You'll probably see 10—15 seconds of aerial flying, shot from the aircraft when Russ went up and filmed that piece for the FT episode. The whole sequence last about a few minutes, but we spent all day on site. The editing process could only be done once the phones stopped ringing, we spent hours and hours and hours, until 1.00 or 2.00 AM. One Saturday night we finished at about 2.00 AM and we were in the office at 9.00 AM, the very next day and worked right through until 1.00 AM on the Monday morning. Just on an editing sequence that probably lasts 19 minutes. Unbelievably punishing, but the end result is what I believe to be a damn good video, which is an attraction for UFO enthusiasts. Its just a neat little magazine type video with different articles on it, good little features, nice animation but more importantly informed comment! It doesn't have to be glossy and have all the gimmicks, no disrespect to television presenters whether their suits or blonde bimbo's, I'm not sexist at all but what I am saying is you don't need all of that. What people are interested in are the witnesses, the information and all that kind of stuff. So hopefully that will demonstrate our intentions and I think we've priced it at a decent price. We could have charged a lot more, but the whole point is not to price our-

selves out of existence. If you think about it you want people to come to the lectures the conferences, and all that kind of stuff and when I see some of the prices on conferences were you can count youngsters under the age of 16 on one hand, simply because the prices do not include concessions for kids . If you've got a message to get across to people don't exclude different sections of society, like senior citizens, unemployed people, students, or school kids. We've kept that policy for a long time now and as long as I'm here we will continue to do it.

CE: I know time is important to you Graham, so I'd just like to thank you for your time.

GWB: Your welcome. I am happy to do it.

CE: Thank you very much.

Interviewer Chris Evers.

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Graham was an excellent ambassador for UK UFOlogy and had an influence, an impact, on many people around the world. He was best known as editor of UFO Magazine where he informed thousands of the latest developments about the UFO phenomenon.

I recall asking him why he had never authored a book on the subject. Graham paused looked down at the carpet and replied "Books are good but if I am lucky I may sell 10-20,000, copies of a book, with UFO Magazine I can double that every printing. I get more information out to the public in the magazine." That is really what Graham cared about most getting the information out.

In reality Graham Birdsall was larger than life and always had the ufo and its social dynamics close to his heart, he would travel anywhere to promote and debate these.

It is not difficult to see how much Graham was fascinated by the ufo phenomenon and what time and effort he invested in the subject from the article above. Sometimes his wife Christine, must have possessed the patience of a Saint, and for that and Grahams contribution we are extremely grateful.

I feel privileged to say I shared some happy memories with Graham, at conferences here in Hull and elsewhere. You will be missed Big Fella...

Graham W. Birdsall (editor, UFO Magazine).

7th April 1954 - 19th September 2003. He was aged 49.

Chris Evers.

Spacecraft To Measure Earth's Drag On Space-Time

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A spacecraft set to test Einstein's General Theory of Relativity is now on the launch pad, with the world's most accurate gyroscopes stowed away inside.

NASA has a launch window of just one second early on 19 April to launch Gravity Probe B into a polar orbit precisely aligned with a reference star. Any delay will mean waiting another day. The gyros, a million times more accurate than the best on Earth, will measure how the rotating Earth drags on the fabric of space-time.

"I expect this experiment is going to be in all the science books," says Anne Kinney, director of NASA's astronomy/physics division. The mission is already has one record, as the space mission that has taken the longest to get off the ground - NASA first funded it in March 1964.

Atomic clock

General relativity is a cornerstone of modern physics and holds that gravity warps the fabric of space and time. Observations during a 1919 solar eclipse confirmed that the Sun's gravity bent starlight by warping space. A 1976 NASA mission called Gravity Probe A - related only by name - sent an atomic clock 10,000 kilometres into space, confirming the theory's prediction that gravity slows the flow of time. Gravity Probe B aims to measure a weaker and even stranger effect called "frame dragging", a warping of space-time by the gravity and angular momentum of a spinning body.

In principle, it is possible to measure it by monitoring the spin axis of a gyroscope orbiting the Earth. The axis should change its orientation relative to that of a distant star. Once we can measure the effect in the Solar System, says Kip Thorne, a gravi-

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BUFORA'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE

25th October 2003

University of Westminster (Harrow Campus)

Reviewer: Joe McGonagle

Speakers:

Lionel Beer- Historical lecture

John Spencer- "My top 10 paranormal cases" Derrel Simms- Interview with an alien hunter Malcolm Robinson (in lieu of Jenny Randles)- The Fife incident

Andy Roberts- "Radical misperceptions"

Matthew Hurley- "The alien chronicles"

I arrived early in the company of a colleague from the ufologyinuk mail list. The first person that I spoke to was Andy Roberts, who told me that I should commence excavation of a large pile of books that were for sale in the auditorium, as there were some amongst them which were difficult to obtain. Heeding this sound advice, I blew about thirty quid, amongst my prizes were a copy of "The Scoriton Mystery" (Eileen Buckle), and multiple copies of various BUFORA publications. The venue was reminiscent of a large shopping centre, with a glass-enclosed walkway and shops, food bars, vending machines, toilets, the campus library and of course the lecture theatre either side of it. It had a pleasant, airy, light atmosphere. I understood from Judy Jaafar that there were some problems with the lecture theatre when she arrived, they had to clear away some rubbish which had been left in the lecture theatre, and there was some difficulty obtaining keys initially. There was also a problem discovered later with the heating, some people found the lecture theatre rather cold for their comfort (luckily I was well wrapped and didn't notice!). These problems hardly detracted from my enjoyment, and were not the fault of the BUFORA organisers but the campus administration.

The first lecture was delayed to wait for some latecomers who had pre-booked (and paid for) tickets, but I understand that there were a small number who never turned up. Also, we were advised that Jenny Randles would not be attending due to a family crisis, but Malcolm Robinson filled her spot with what I thought was an excellent presentation. First on the podium was Lionel Beer, stalwart BUFORA member since it's inception in 1962. He started off by giving a brief overview of the history of "modern" UFOlogy since the Arnold sighting in 1947. He went on to discuss some of the early publications in the field, mentioning authors like Desmond Leslie, George Adamski, and Gerald Heard. He then covered briefly the main groups that were around during the 1950's, particularly the London UFO Research Organisation (LUFORO), the British Flying Saucer Bureau (BFSB), and the Flying Saucer Club

of Brighton & Hove. This theme naturally led into the description of the inception of BUFORA, which was the brainchild of Nigel Stephenson. Lionel emphasised the origin of BUFORA as being directly traceable to LUFORO. It was not until 1962 when BUFORA became an affiliation of several groups, including BFSB, LUFORO, the Scottish UFO Society, the Direct Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomenon (DIGAP).*+* Lionel then spoke about some of the past leading lights of BUFORA, including Norman Oliver and Graham Knewstubb.

During his presentation there were some difficulties with the slide presentation, and these unsettled his rhythm somewhat, but I was enthralled by the presentation, having a particular interest in the history of British UFOlogy. At the end of his presentation he distributed a two-sided A4 sheet densely covered in print in a small typeface, which covered the majority of his presentation and more besides. This is entitled "An Anecdotal History of BUFORA" and is available from him for a very small sum (I think he said £0.20). More information about the leaflet can be obtained from:

Lionel Beer (Space link Books)

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Next to take the stage was John Spencer, long-standing BUFORA member and author of several books including "The UFO Encyclopaedia" (1991). Entitled "My Top 10 Paranormal Cases", the aim of his presentation was not to cover each case in great detail, but to show that the paranormal arena does merit academic investigation. I don't think he presented the cases in any particular order. The following is a summary from my notes, and I have sought out internet articles for more information about some of the cases:

1. Anders, Sweden.

Peter experienced a range of Ufo experiences from lights in the sky, to a full-blown abduction scenario (which was quite different from the "standard" scenario). The investigation was carried out in a "new age" fashion, not a traditional investigation. Subsequent to the experiences, Peter developed a previously absent artistic talent.

2. Heather Woods.

Heather experienced "stigmata", and lived for a time with John and his wife. She suffered a tragic death which was attributed to suicide. John discussed her case with the coroner, who took an interest in the stigmata aspect, and during a post-mortem the stigmatic locations were explored for any underlying cause, but none was found. Heather was diagnosed earlier as suffering from advanced and rampant cancer, and had been receiving treatment for the disease for some time prior to her death, but no trace of cancer was discovered during the post-mortem. This case is covered in detail in the book

"Spirit within her", details at:

<http://www.paranormalworldwide.com/spiritwithin.php>

3. Union Inn, Rye, Sussex.

This was a poltergeist case investigated by ASSAP (The Association for the Scientific Study of Anomalous Phenomena) (see <http://www.assap.org/>). The family living at the inn requested an exorcism as one of their conditions for allowing ASSAP to investigate the case. A "new age" exorcism involving the use of crystals was carried out, and consequently the phenomenon stopped.

4. Charlton House.

My notes aren't very clear on this, but I think it was along the lines that paranormal phenomena were artificially induced during an ASSAP experiment, involving five members. Three of the members reported seeing an apparition, one "felt something strange", while the fifth did not notice any paranormal phenomena.

5. Crop circle instrument failure.

During an interview with US ufologist Walt Andrus which was carried out in a crop circle that was known to have been faked, two camera batteries which were known to be serviceable inexplicably failed.

6. Treasurers House, York.

This is a fairly well-known case during which a workman in the building saw an apparition of a Roman Legion passing through the room that he was working in. The lower parts of the legs of the soldiers were below the surface of the room. Later excavations revealed a Roman road at an appropriate depth to account for the lower level of the apparition. The witness also reported details about the soldiers uniform and overall condition which he would not have been aware of in an historical detail context, which was found to be supported by specialists in Roman history. There is a brief article about this at:

<http://www.york-tourism.co.uk/media/ThemedFactSheets.cfm?FactSheetID=20>

7. The Valentich disappearance

This is of course the classic UFO case from 1978 over the Bass Strait between Melbourne and King Island (Australia). During his flight, radio communications indicated an encounter with a UFO, followed by engine trouble, and finally transmissions ceased. An exhaustive air-sea search failed to recover any trace of him or his aircraft. One of many accounts on the internet can be viewed at:

<http://www.uforq.asn.au/casefiles/valentich.html>

8. Sauchie, 1961, Virginia Campbell.

This was a traumatic poltergeist-type case involving a young girl in Scotland. There were a large number of witnesses, and the case attracted a great deal of media publicity. (A more detailed account of this case can be found at http://seekers.100megs6.com/sauchie_poltergeist.htm on the internet).

9. Sammy's Angel.

This was a personal anecdote from John. He was taking part in an accountancy related course (I think), and candidates were asked to bring with them a gift valued around £10 for one of the exercise's. John decided to let his uncontrolled intuition guide him as to

what gift to buy, and he selected one (I don't recall exactly what it was, but it had some image which he didn't recognise on it). The exercise involved each candidate being allocated a "ward" for whom they had to act as a "guardian Angel" without making themselves known to their "ward". When John's "Ward" (Sammy) received the gift, there was some direct personal connection between Sammy and the image, which provoked a sympathetic emotive response.

10. I have no notes of a tenth case! Either I have missed it off somehow, or John ripped us off!

John's presentation was followed by Derrel Simms. I took a conscious decision to sit this one out for a few reasons. I have reservations about Simms's methodology and motivation. If I had attended the presentation, I would have found it very difficult to restrain myself from challenging much of his material, and it would probably have spoiled the presentation for other more liberal minded attendees, upset or embarrassed Derrel, or left me feeling totally frustrated and unsatisfied. I did discuss Derrel's material briefly with Judy Jaafar, who told me that he had privately provided her with some supporting details which could be followed up. I hope that she does follow them up, it would be interesting.

After the break, a two-minute audio/video tribute to Graham Birdsall by Christopher Martin was shown. It was very poignant, I am sure at one point I could lip-read Graham uttering an expletive!. No doubt he would have appreciated this gesture.

This was followed by a presentation by Malcolm Robinson, who was filling in at short notice for Jenny Randles. Jenny was unable to attend due to a serious illness in the family. Malcolm's presentation was about a curious case at a location called Freuchie (pronounced "Frooky"!) in Fife, Scotland. The events occurred on and after 23/6/96, and started with a UFO sighting, a landing, then developed into a large-scale entity case (involving in the order of over 100 aliens!), and finished up like a haunting. Some details are available in an article by Brian Allen on the BUFORA web site, http://www.bufora.org.uk/archive/UFOs_behind_veil.htm. Malcolm acknowledged that many features of the case are contentious, and his support of the case is attracting a great deal of unwarranted hostility from another Scottish researcher whose name escapes me. I would like to compliment Malcolm on his presentation, although I found the witness testimony unconvincing, Malcolm presented the details factually, even drawing attention to the weaknesses, and indicating clearly what elements were his own opinion, which were derived from witness testimony, and which were supported by other evidence. All in all, it was a fascinating account and in spite of the controversy it is worthy of investigation.

Andy Roberts was the next speaker. In a tactical master-stroke, he confounded everyone with his usual lack of subtlety by changing his topic at the last moment. Originally it was billed as "The mystery of History" which was expected to cover some of the material from "Out of the Shadows" which he co-authored with Dave Clarke. The new topic (though I don't think was given a title) is best described as cases of "Radical Mispercep-

tion". He chose to use two cases as examples, the Berwyn Mountain incident (see <http://www.flyingsaucery.com/files/Berwyn%20Mountain%20UFO%20Crash.doc>), and the "Cracoe Fell" case (see <http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/80/cracoe1.htm> and <http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/80/cracoe2.htm>).

While I would agree with Andy that both of these cases are examples of "radical misperception" which resulted in a lot of unwarranted excitement (and perhaps an element of image bolstering) in the UFO community, I disagree with his position that most, if not all, "flagship" cases are results of similar misperception. This view is probably what got the backs up of some of the audience, who in the short question period at the end of the presentation expressed their dissatisfaction. One person (I didn't see who, but it sounded like Lionel Beer) accused him of insulting all of the audience, and saying that he did not pay to come to the event to be insulted. To be fair to Andy, he did commence the presentation with the warning that some people may find his sceptical views offensive, and if so, they may prefer to leave before he got started! Andy was for once unable to make a coherent reply, partly I suspect due to the efforts he was making to suppress his mirth. It was interesting to note that two people who were at the time unknown to me expressed their appreciation of his lecture when I discussed it with them afterwards.

The final lecture of the day was by Matthew Hurley, who has recently published a book about the appearance of UFOs and alien entities in historic (and prehistoric) artwork. As I was largely familiar with the material, and also because of my opinion that much of his assertions are a matter of interpretation, I sat out on his lecture. A large sample of his material is viewable at <http://www.ufoartwork.com> for those interested.

A workshop was scheduled to follow, hosted by Derrel Simms. For reasons explained earlier in this review, I chose to leave early, so I am unable to comment on it. I have to say that feedback from the earlier presentation by him was very positive, his presentation skills (like most American lecturers) seem to be sharply honed.

In conclusion, I think that the event was of an excellent standard in spite of the problems with the venue. All of the speakers were experts in their field, and there was something of interest to all attendees, no matter what their perspective. Attendance was disappointing (as has been the trait at several conferences throughout the country over the last few years), I think in the order of 70 paying guests attended. I sincerely hope that this was enough to cover the cost of the event, or even to produce a small profit. I would like to offer my appreciation to everyone involved in organising the event, and look forward to attending (possibly even speaking at?) the 50th Anniversary in 2013!

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The events of Thursday, March 13, 1997, came as no surprise for Dr. Lynne Kitei, for she had been experiencing similar events in her personal life for almost two years prior to the above date. This day, which the residents of Phoenix Arizona would later remember implicitly, was the culmination of two years of her own paranormal experience, and the beginning of her investigations into the phenomena now known as the 'Phoenix Lights'.

Dr. Kitei or Dr. Lynne as she likes to be known, had photographed, or videoed the elusive lights in the Phoenix area for a period of two years, before the mass sighting over the city, many of which are incorporated into this well presented publication. Dr. Lynne tells us of her own experience of investigating the lights and of her discussions with many of the residents of Phoenix and Arizona who also shared the mysterious experience.

For Dr. Lynne it all began with a frantic call from her husband Frank, a physician, who called for his wife to join him beside the bedroom window. Here it was that something unusual caught her attention for there in the night sky, less than one hundred yards away from their home, they jointly witnessed three oval shaped objects, about three to six feet across hung in mid air in a pyramid formation with no visible means of support. Each gave off a soft light as it hung there. Both Dr. Lynne and her husband were transfixed and took in every aspect of this amazing sight. It seemed important not to move. Realising the importance of this event Dr. Lynne grabbed her 35mm camera and started filming. Noted investigators such as Jim Dilettoso and Mike Tanner later examined much of this. After investigating the film the unique properties of these lights proved without doubt the flares theory held as much credibility as a lone candle would in the Carlsbad caverns.

The next day her husband Frank didn't want to discuss the previous nights experience, and so Dr. Lynne began her quest to discover just what was going on...

This is that story.

The Phoenix Lights is a well-balanced and thought provoking account of her investigation, and experiences. Witnessing these events also encouraged Dr. Lynne to examine her own belief system and to re-evaluate her own past near death experience at the tender age of eight. While it concentrates on the events surrounding the 'Phoenix Lights' it also gives a brief account of the UFO phenomena, something that may be useful for those new to the enigma.

It also asks questions of the authorities, why did they fail to give an explanation or even a proper response to the event.

Dr. Lynne's boundless efforts into her own search for truth were extremely important and are well presented in this publication.

EYE MAGAZINE

EYE Magazine are pleased to include the following from David Colman. We must point out that this is an extremely long article and will be published in several issues of EYE magazine, being 20 articles long. The first three are included in this issue of EYE. ...Ed

**What is and what should
never Be.**

(A personal appraisal of UK UFOlogy)

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'David Colman is uncompromising in his battle to change the way people are treated by the media and UFOlogy after reporting an incident or sighting' Jane, Falkland Hill experimenter; Fife, 1998

It is to my eternal bewilderment that inappropriate standards of research appear to be continually accepted without question within the field of UK UFOlogy. By focusing this essay on my personal experiences, observations and theories the following 'uncompromising' appraisal will briefly attempt to highlight accountable factors, which I believe, reduce the many faceted dimensions of Extra Terrestrial study to that of the opium den.

I do not intend that the following pages should be regarded as the definitive word on UFOlogy or of its practitioners in entirety, however whilst acknowledging the work done by dedicated men and women

within the field, I have come to believe that their merit is devalued by the archaic and ham-fisted actions of those who would, knowingly or otherwise, drag the field of ET research into ignominy.

Introduction
I

In my introduction to this work I made a statement of intent and in the following pages I will examine some of the failings of UK UFOlogy whilst expounding on a few aspects of my personal philosophy.

By the very nature of the subject I will by necessity discuss labyrinthine anomalies and painful truths which I hope will open the profound doors of illumination so that those with eyes to see and ears to hear may enter.

I would define UFOlogy as 'an extemporized, occult pseudo-science, which purports to prove the reality and existence of other forms of life which may, or may not, be visiting our world'

One would expect that such a complex research study, which by its inherent nature presents the student with deeply paradoxical difficulties, would be carried out by mature and intelligent managers. However the science of finding logical answers to such illogical questions has been usurped by UFO 'lunatics' who have little empathy towards the extra terrestrial hypothesis and have it fashionable to say 'I don't believe in UFOs.... I'm a celebrity ufologist ...

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get me out of here!"

Bereft of any real sense of desire to prove the ETH these ufological pseudo sceptics have no intention whatsoever of proving the ETH hypothesis and therefore must be considered ANTIETH and therefore anti UFOlogy.

I believe UFOlogy stands guilty of abandoning its origins and in consistently failing to seriously attempt or to provide the public at large with valid evidence of extra terrestrial visitation to this world.

My charges are not new as over a number of years I have not only attempted to highlight the often dissolute actions of UFOlogists, both luvvies and shamateur alike who, whilst appearing hell bent on messing up, choose to overlook the original rationale of the subject matter.

My complaints and admonitions centred on rich egos and poor methodology combined with despicably low standards of behaviour amongst researchers.

My complaints have been consistent, loud and repetitive. However the ostrich mentality of such people is clearly entrenched, prolonged and alive and well.

However, some do take the time to raise their heads sufficiently to issue threats of violence and intimidation of varying degrees in my direction and it must be said that if I were to 'watch my back' every time I had been warned to do so I would now be in a position to perform Regan's' head swivelling trick from the Exorcist. Needless to say all threats are anonymous, the latest being a warning to stay away from the 'Fife' case, or else! As I and my colleagues are the 'real' researchers on the Falkland Hill encounters I would find this threat laughable if not for its bare faced affrontery.

In the beginning there was the letter

Whilst it has been a very long time since I had the inclination to attend any UFO conference or event I received a courteous invitation to attend and possibly address the audience at a paranormal conference to be held in Edinburgh in 2003.

Believing that the mob would disrupt any address I made and therefore ruin the event, the organiser accepted my offer of participation and support in the form of an open letter which he was tacitly happy to read aloud to the audience.

However, as I began to write the letter I realised that the message I wished to convey was extensive and that such a limiting form was constrictive to my purpose.

Eventually the letter widened in size and scope so, as is my wont, I invited a few friends to preview my early work.

'Don't do it Dave, it's a completely wasted effort' they warned, 'UFOlogy is dead. It's finished, it's a joke. Who cares? Write about something serious'.

Aware that my past premonitions concerning the failing health of UK UFOlogy had often fallen upon deaf ears, been misinterpreted or poorly understood (deliberately on occasion) by those who claim authority within the field, I fully appreciated my friends' rationalisations and misapprehensions.

Nevertheless, I consider few areas of esoteric study more vital and convoluted than that of extra terrestrial visitation to this plane and combined with my unshakable belief in the inalienable right to choose one's own path, I felt compelled to complete the project.

Every view each word I write as energy materialised therefore I believe that my writing is cathartic. I also passionately believe that it is imperative that those who choose to study this form of abstruse universal politic firstly seek their own catharsis, honestly exam-

ine their own philosophy and perceptions and ask why they are involved in UFOlogy.

This form of candid self evaluation and awareness is not only urgently required amongst UFOlogists but should be demanded by all right thinking adherents within the field.

I suspect that not many will heed this advice as the search for solid evidence of UFO activity has become cosy and we as UFOlogists meekly accept leadership from self centred and intellectually misinformed dinosaurs, who are content to loll around on their rotund hirsute posteriors pooh-poohing admonitions, comments and attitudes of those who dare to challenge their autocracy.

Woe betides the UFO researcher who exhibits vision, insight and intuition, especially if they dare to question the egotistical Sanhedrin doctorate of ufological orthodoxy.

The study of extra terrestrial visitation is truly labyrinthine and is more deserving and demanding than the proffered ineffectual and inane UFO 'Jaw Jaw' meted out at the monthly gatherings.

Yes, against friendly advice, I chose to complete this essay, not from a misguided sense of aversion or jealousy, but from the perspective of personal experiences which in turn, disgusted, sickened and saddened me.

As an individual it is these emotions and observations which have enabled me to formulate views; rationale, beliefs and attitudes on the self-important field of UFOlogy and those who continue to be smirch and belittle its name.

Continuing my catharsis I will now, by offering my personal insights, openly dis-

cuss a few poignant issues which I believe adversely affect the awareness of the public and those within the field and by doing so I hope to instigate positive changes in the focus, acuity and perceptions of the raison d'être of UFOlogy per se.

Should you doubt my assertions I invite any individual blessed with an open mind, to take the time to sift through the history of UK UFOLOGY where they will discover a catalogue of shame, egotistical infighting and the continuing abject failure to produce tangible results for over half a century.

'The golden principles'

I accurately used the term 'labyrinthine anomalies' to describe the study of the ETH (extra terrestrial hypothesis) and one would expect that a major prerequisite in attempting to understand such improbable complexities would be an open mind and a fluidity of thought; however students with expectations of sober and realistic research work will soon discover that UFOlogy offers only staid, moribund and tediously immature conventions.

However, I believe that by adopting 'the golden principles' of humility, honesty and caring the ufologist will immediately stand aside from the 'cud chewers' and eventually find him or her self standing atop a high plateau where the fresh winds of intellectual freedom open the eyes to new vistas of ideas and theories which in the spirit of intellectual freedom blossom and flourish unhindered.

Here, at the gateway of understanding,

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begins the long process of deciphering age old numinous 'question'. Interpreting this question is a life long study therefore I make no bold affirmations to have discovered the correct formulation or understanding and I certainly do not purport to have *all* the answers to *all* of ufology's problems, however I may have *a few*. I hope that by ploughing a furrow the smallest of seeds may fall upon fertile soil and that in doing so the *essence* of this work may be fully understood.

'The choice and master spirits of this age'

Before reading further I ask that you pause for a second and using your imagination, visualise yourself as a sparkling bright blue flame surrounded by the inky blackness of space. As your flame flickers strongly, tiny yellow moths are attracted to the warmth and radiance of your heat.

As the brilliance of the light entices the moths so it is that your iridescent nature attracts moths (human beings) to you and whilst some choose to flit in and out quickly, others flutter close by and linger for longer periods of time. I have come to believe that it is the subtle ethereal interaction of souls which allows the transfer, should the '*flame be bright enough*', of subconscious insights which can be further developed by using our God given abilities of intuition, intelligence and reasoning and it is by this mystical and beautiful process that the human spirit is nurtured and nourished indefinitely. Many years ago my flame ignited as I took my first faltering steps on an allegorical mystical path of discovery which has led me to encounter many '*moths*' of varying persuasions, ideologies and belief systems. By meeting other travellers on the way, I have acquired, through soul interaction, a compendium of esoteric wisdom which has allowed

me to develop personal insights which have in turn fermented into informed opinions, theories and convictions which, having been honestly achieved, are equally sincerely held. The 'path' is life-long, winding and convoluted; encompassing a myriad of twists, and forks and it is when one reaches such a fork that the concept of free will and choice come into play. In her controversial book '*The only Planet of Choice*' medium Phyllis Shlemmer claimed that through her '*Tom*', a channelled extra terrestrial entity and spokesman for the council of nine, said '*Choice is not the end, it is the means: for there is a due, is there not, a payment to be made*' (the *Only Planet of Choice*, page 212) When reading Shlemmers' book, or for that matter any book pertaining to offer wisdom or learning, one is immediately faced with having to make a choices. Does one choose to believe the author or, in this case the channelled communication of a discarnate extra terrestrial calling himself Tom, who claims to speak on behalf of an intergalactic governing council, or not? Whichever choice you make it is a personal one, however it must be said that on this occasion Tom's pronouncement on the nature of choice, phoney baloney or not, remains philosophically sound. For every choice we make there are indeed consequences to be had therefore when an ufologist decides that he is prepared to actively '*help*' experi-

encers come to terms with their encounter, he is proposing to enter into a world of subtle energies where he or she will partake in a soul-interaction with that experienter. Over time it has become evident to me that most UFOlogists choose not to weigh up the consequences of their actions, approaching their work '*without consequence*', seeking only the superficiality of the 'story'. By adopting a *laissez faire* attitude the subtle nuances of a truly 'illogical' experience are lost to the possibilities of basking in the media limelight. I find that very, very sad. If the ufologist accepts the responsibility which comes with placing himself in a position of trust with an experienter he or she must come to understand that their interaction within the sphere the true experienter, who will in all probability suffer some form of post encounter emotional trauma, will without doubt have consequences in some degree. It is my considered opinion that the abject ignorance displayed by the failure to recognise such nuances has led to fatal errors in trust, communication and resolution, between researcher and experienter. This scenario was never more exemplified by the gaggle of UFOlogists who offered their '*help*' to the witnesses of the Falkland hill encounters (Fife) of 1996. To my knowledge the degree of incompetence, ignorance and crass selfishness displayed by the various UFOlogists involved in the early stages of the Falkland Encounters remains unparalleled in the history of **WORLD UFOLOGY**.

Chris Martin's Is Anybody Out There. A Video Review By Steve Gerrard

I sat down to watch what I thought would be the latest NEW pieces of footage, caught on camera by Chris.

I was somewhat disappointed, because I feel he should have entitled it something along the lines of '4 years of my life'.

The program was based (as I saw it) on the past 4 or 5 years of Chris's life. The opening sequence was of UFO clips and some were interesting and some not so.

We firstly jetted off to the 10th Annual Laughlin, Nevada conference, where Chris gave a lecture and filmed Graham Birdsall being interviewed for what appeared to be a TV program. Then Chris moved on to being interviewed on local radio KTOX. We then jetted back to the UK, and Scotland for an interview with Brian McPhee and were shown his Jan 2000 UFO footage of a tubular UFO. Then on the journey back, the footage filmed by Chris of the flying Triangle from the M9 motorway.

Chris headed to the studios of This Morning, with Richard and Judy, for an interview along with Dennis Plunkett. Then down to the studios of Ch5 and an interview along with Roy Lake and finally to the studios of Talk Radio and a

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For more on David's personal appraisal of UFOlogy see the next issue... Ed

2 hr interview James Whale... Phew...

There were interviews with other UFOlogists, Mark Hall, Marc Bell, Roy Hale and Stuart Wisdom. Then there was the footage at Avebury, when Chris was filming a Microlite and suddenly a silvery sphere appeared in the sky behind it. Then, in April 2003 Chris jetted off again, this time to Australia for a lecture or two and he met up with Mary Rodwell. Chris interviewed other witnesses and even visited Pine Gap (Secret listening base) – Area 51 Australia... We also saw the news clip of the interview that he gave to the local Television station. Finally, we were treated to 3 pieces of footage :

- June 2003 : East London : Horse-shoe shaped.
- August 2003 : West London : Black Tube
- August 2003 : South East London : Translucent Object (Looked a bit like a box kite to me, but...

Anyway, I must say that although it wasn't what I was expecting and the fact that I think the title should have been more of a reflection of 'What Chris had got up to in the past 4 yrs', I did enjoy it. Only you can tell if it is any good by buying it yourself and watching it and for a score out of 10, lets say 5/6.

Steve Gerrard,
Southampton UFO Group Chairman
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Editorial comment:-

'Actually Steve, though I agree with many of your points I think you're far too generous with the assessment of Chris Martin's latest video - your review may fair better with the title 'Is Anybody Out There Going To Pay Good Money To Watch This Crap.'

I hope you at least managed to get a freebie out of Martin so that your not out of pocket. For the pen-anxious, yes I have seen the video and it's not even on a par with Martin's equally dubious book, with the exception of a couple of highlights, all that's here are video-toting camera vendors acting as the veneer for poor British UFOlogy (no matter how much it's been aggrandized) and parading as a new camera elite. In the words of a famous member of the Royle family "My Arse." As ever, pundits are ready with pre-launched Mylar balloons accessories and cameras to titillate the brain-dead and other gullible morons who like to sport woolly spectacles. Why doesn't someone come up with close-ups of structured non-amorphous craft displaying high performance manoeuvres and no tampering, instead of frequently out of focus blobs at the extremes of the camera, or balloons tied together, then we'd be talking business?

Why is it nearly always just far enough away to be anything? Don't waste money following commercialised false lupine guru's in sheepskins or else some may be forced to ask 'Is Anybody In There?' Same goes for the chaps who recently tried to pull a panda over my eyes... enough is enough. Basta, per piacere!

Gary Anthony, 2003.

THEY'RE ONLY HERE FOR THE BEER!

By now I expect that most UFOlogists will have seen the new advertisement for Grolsch lager. The major TV advertising campaign started in early April but only began in earnest over the Easter weekend. For those who haven't seen it, the sixty second advertisement starts with a hillbilly type, fishing by a lake, at night. We see a huge UFO in the sky and a light comes down from it. Aliens are in the process of abducting the hillbilly when the narrator, dressed in a black suit, interrupts proceedings with the trademarked Grolsch word, "Schtup". He then lectures the aliens, "Guys, why do you always abduct the first person you find? We've got a whole planet full of scientists, Nobel prize-winners ... supermodels. You know, if you took your time, you could really impress the folks back home". The hillbilly is briefly taken into the ship, but is quickly thrown back, scared but otherwise unharmed. The aliens then beam up a container full of Grolsch from a railway yard. As the ship moves away from the Earth, the advertisement ends with the aliens sitting around, blowing into the tops of their open bottles, reproducing the famous musical tones from "Close Encounters of the Third Kind", at which point they break into laughter.

So what should UFOlogists make of this? Does it trivialise our subject? Is it insulting to abductees? I don't think so. I was approached some time ago by the PR company who were engaged to generate some publicity for the advertisement. They produced various press releases detailing UFO hotspots in the UK and also produced a humorous booklet entitled "How To Be Abducted By Aliens". This led to

articles that appeared in "The Sun", "Daily Express", "Daily Sport", "Metro" and "The Scotsman", features in numerous local newspapers and segments on various radio stations. It was a stark contrast from a few weeks earlier, when the "Daily Mail" had proclaimed that UFOlogy was dead, sightings were declining and public interest was falling away. Of course, the "Daily Mail" article stemmed from a fundamental misunderstanding about the reasons behind the closure of "UFO Magazine", but the Grolsch advertisement illustrates that UFOlogy is far from dead. Advertising agencies do their research very carefully, and with a big budget production like the latest Grolsch advertisement, wouldn't base a campaign around a concept about which they thought the public had limited awareness or interest. The advertisement only works because people recognise the motifs and get the joke. It's proof of just how firmly embedded UFOs and alien abductions are in the popular culture.

Detractors may complain that it perpetuates false assumptions about the alien abduction phenomenon, but Grolsch have a product to sell and are perfectly entitled to play the subject for laughs. This is the way the media works. UFOlogists can be precious about it, or they can use the opportunity that this upsurge in public and media interest presents. Grolsch are in the business of selling lager and have no responsibility for promoting UFOlogy. That's down to UFOlogists.

Nick Pope
April 2004

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UFO Monthly.com an Internet, ufo phenomena based, publication which is available from Gary Heseltine, of P.R.U.F.O.S. (Police Reporting UFOS) and former editor of UFO Magazine Russel Callaghan. The new venture, is available from April 27th and is available in PDF format, downloadable at the UFO Monthly.com, website.

"The decision made by Gary Heseltine and myself to set about producing a downloadable magazine in the style that readers have become used to was not taken easy." Says Russel Callaghan, in a statement on the new internet based magazines web page.

"Since the sudden illness and tragic passing of my late father-in-law Graham W. Birdsall 'founding editor of the UK based newsstand publication UFO magazine' in September last year, I sat in the editors hot seat for six months until Grahams wife Christine decided to close the company."

"Gary and I realise that many of the loyal readers who subscribed or bought UFO Magazine from the newsstand each month will have a genuine void in their routines." Continues Russel "Our choice to use the Internet as a publication medium was made because the actual cost



Original artwork in colour but reproduced here in black, due to printing costs.

of publishing a glossy newsstand title was basically prohibitive."

However the Internet based UFO Monthly will look and read like a glossy publication., continues the statement. It will be produced in the PDF format and although many of you will have 'Adobe Acrobat reader' (trademark) installed on your computers if you don't the program is a free download. If you have ever downloaded software from the Internet you will have probably received an instruction manual in the PDF format.

The file system lets the reader flick through page by page or go directly to a numbered page of their choice, you can also print all or individual pages if you so wish.

The first issue of UFO Monthly will be

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available as a free download from April 27th 2004 and thereafter on the 27th of each month for the small payment of £1.50 UK Sterling per issue.

All major credit and debit cards are accepted and no matter what country you reside in banks will convert your payment into local currency on your bank statement.

"To give overseas readers an idea of how much money £1.50 represents here are a few examples.

UK petrol £4.00 per gallon
USA gas £1.20 per gallon
UK bottle Bud in a bar £2.50
USA bottle Bud in a bar £1.50

So we feel sure you will agree the price of UFO monthly represents great value for money." continues the statement.

"We hope our clientele will enjoy the features and articles published in a style we feel you will be familiar with. UFO Monthly.com are also happy to receive submissions for consideration to be used in the new publication and advertisers can take advantage of some special early deals."

Although the new venture is a bold and daring initiative, we here at EYE Magazine, must ask will it succeed, take into account the many free internet sites dispensing up to the minute information to ANY visitor to their homepages.

One of the first ventures into a paid / subscription service for the UFO community was Philip Mantles Beyond web-

site. This unfortunately only lasted three or four months before it succumb to the free sites of which there are literally thousands on the internet. The question is will people subscribe?

Undoubtedly many will try the first free download to gauge the new offering. How many will return after this and support the new venture remains to be seen.

After Russel kindly stepped in and took over the reins at UFO Magazine many claimed the now closed down publication took on a more sceptical viewpoint, will this be carried over into UFO-monthly.com?

Undoubtedly this new publication will be compared to UFO Magazine, but, EYE Magazines editors believe this is a natural occurrence. With the words "The Truth Is already Here" emblazoned across the magazine, those who are unfortunate to not have Internet connections, must at times feel a little left out of the equation.

UFO Monthly.com though should be given chance to develop its own styles of reporting the global phenomena of UFOlogy, before any good or indeed bad criticism is levelled in the direction of the publications editors. Time will, as the saying goes, tell.

The first edition is to feature articles on the following subjects: 'Laughlin' the largest UFO event in the world. UFO's and Police in 'Huge UFO witnessed by Police officer'. Also featured are two UFO cases from Turkey.

For more information see the UFO

GORDON CREIGHTON R.I.P.

Gordon Creighton 1908 - 2003 Editor of FSR



The Times, August 16th 2003 Gordon Creighton A diplomatic approach to alien visitors

'GOVERNMENT service occupied most of the working life of Gordon Creighton, but he perhaps made his greatest mark as an authority on unidentified flying objects. His conviction that extra-terrestrials were visiting Earth seemed oddly at variance with the more orthodox worlds of diplomacy and Whitehall.

Gordon William Creighton was born in Rickmansworth in 1908. His was a conventional education - Bishop's Stortford College, Cambridge University and the École Libre des Sciences Politiques in Paris. His years in government

service included postings in Europe, North and South America and China.

His first post was as an attaché to the British Embassy in Beijing, where he later became First Secretary. He performed the duties of consul at Nanking, Shanghai and Recife, Brazil, and was consul-general at Antwerp and New Orleans.

His expertise took him into government research on maps in oriental and other languages with the Permanent Committee on Geographical Names, and he spent eight years as an intelligence officer on Russian and Chinese affairs at the Ministry of Defence. It is said that in the intelligence post he worked directly below the secret Whitehall department where the Air Ministry and the RAF were studying information on UFOs.

His specialisation in international relations in the eastern hemisphere was accompanied by a love of languages. He studied 20 of them, including Russian, Chinese and Sanskrit.

Creighton's interest in UFOs was stimulated in the summer of 1941, when he saw "a white disc with a

piercingly bright bluish light on top racing through the sky in the far west of China, near the eastern marches of Tibet". At the time he was with the British Embassy in China's wartime capital Chung-king.

When Flying Saucer Review was set up in 1955 he became a regular contributor. He later sat on the magazine's board and was its editor from 1982. He claimed that the Duke of Edinburgh had been a reader from the earliest days. Creighton had no time for traditional British nervousness about what the neighbours might think. For 30 years, commuting daily from London to Hertfordshire, he "made a special point of carrying and reading FSR in the train up to Baker Street and then on the Underground". He was pleased to recall that "it must have happened on at least a dozen occasions that complete strangers would step across the gangway to me and say: 'Flying Saucer Review! Where can I get that?' "

Creighton's stories about flying saucers and his observations were fascinating to the listener. He believed sightings of alien craft were common all over the world and that the human race had had frequent encounters with the visitors.

He said that on one occasion President Eisenhower's whereabouts for several hours were kept secret. The President, Creighton said, had been called to an air-base where an alien craft was hovering, but had insisted that the incident should never be made public.

Governments, Creighton believed, have been "lying about the UFO problem for more than 50 years", and take the subject far more seriously than they will admit. According to Flying Saucer Review, "the US Government in particular holds a number of crashed craft and a considerable number of preserved bodies of small dead crew members of a certain species about 4ft-4ft 6 in, in height". He understood this government reticence, however, and feared that the intentions of aliens could be hostile and that detailed information might cause alarm.

Gordon Creighton's wide range of interests embraced the world's main religions. Though born a Roman Catholic, he was not confirmed until he was past 90. His wife Joan predeceased him. He is survived by a son and daughter. Gordon Creighton, diplomat, civil servant, and Editor of Flying Saucer Review, was born on April 26, 1908. He died on July 16, 2003, aged 95.'

CUMBRIAN TRIANGLE

Spotted in the sky:
C. Armstrong photographed
this strange image, inset, over
Cumbria.

Was This A UFO Over Uldale
Cumbria, UK?

WAS THIS A UFO OVER
ULDALE? Published on 13/04/2004

Here is a photograph I took last Saturday at around 5 pm. I was in my garden at Uldale and saw a strange object in the sky which was approaching from the peak of Skiddaw.

I had a camera in the conservatory and managed to take a photograph of the object in the sky.

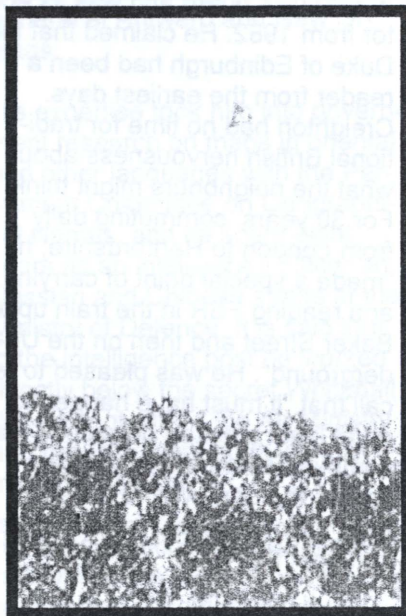
The object was triangular and black with a huge emerald coloured light on its undercarriage. It flew by at great speed and made the sound of an electric generator.

I am familiar with jets flying over the area, yet I have never seen anything like this.

Maybe this photo will aid the research of Cumbria's UFO investigator Sharon

Larkin. Mr C Armstrong Uldale Cumbria.

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What is your opinion ?

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tational physicist at the California Institute of Technology, "we can definitely understand how the same phenomena are working in the distant Universe and around

black holes," which cause much stronger warping.

Simple experiment

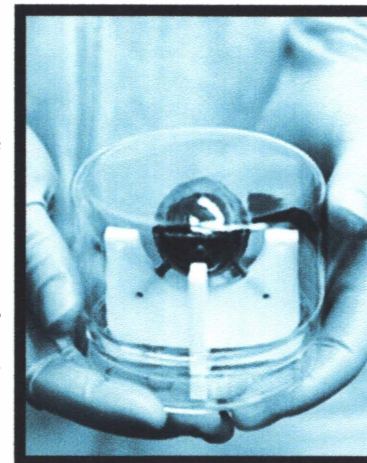
"It's hard to imagine a simpler experiment," says Francis Everitt, Gravity Probe B's principal investigator at Stanford University. The difficult part is making gyroscopes with the extraordinary precision needed to measure changes of just 0.041 arcsecond a year while in a polar orbit 640 km above the Earth.

The probe should measure frame-dragging to within one per cent. It also will measure a much larger space-warping effect called the geodetic effect to one part in 10,000, the most precise test yet of any relativistic effect.

To meet these exacting requirements, Gravity Probe B contains four spinning balls of fused quartz, each perfectly spherical to within 40 atomic layers.

Each one is coated with a 1.27- micrometre layer of niobium, and cooled to 1.8 degrees above absolute zero to keep the metal film superconducting. The super-

conducting layer creates a tiny magnetic field that pinpoints the axis of the spinning sphere.



The balls inside the enclosed gyroscope are just 3.8 centimetres in diameter (Image: Denise Freeman, Stanford University).

The experiment therefore requires shielding that reduces the strength of external magnetic fields by a factor of a trillion, electric fields to suspend the spinning spheres, and 2441 litres of superfluid helium coolant.

The technical challenges had appeared so severe that NASA tried to cancel the project several times, only to have scientists rescue it by lobbying the US Congress. The experiment will have cost \$700 million

when the data is in and finally analysed.

The launch had been planned for 17 April, but the latest in a long series of minor technical glitches forced a delay. However, sitting atop a Delta rocket and 46 metres off the ground, Gravity Probe B is now closer to space than it has ever been before.

Jeff Hecht

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